

## DEATH OF ROSWELL R. ROUSE

Driven Well Litigation Made Him Wealthy and Prominent in This City.

In Spite of Business Reverses, He Was Successful, and Had Many Friends—His Love of Diamonds and Horses.

Roswell R. Rouse, the well-known dealer in pump and well supplies on West Maryland street, died yesterday morning at his residence on West Georgia street. His illness extended over a period of two weeks, but he was not confined to bed all of that time. The immediate duration of the ailment was only four days. About a week before he was taken down, but recovered sufficiently to give some attention to business. He was conscious up to the last. His physician, Dr. Gray, had told him of the serious nature of his trouble, which was complicated with an inflammation of the stomach and he was aware that each returning attack might end his life. The doctor said he died of chronic inflammation of the stomach.

The deceased was born in New York, and came to this city, twenty-eight years ago, as the Western agent of N. W. Green, who was the inventor of the driven well, which was covered by a patent. Mr. Rouse had as a territory the township in which this city is located, and also Hendricks and Morgan counties. After a great deal of litigation in the federal court, the matter afterwards going to the Supreme Court of the United States, he had a monopoly of the driven-well business in this city, and even where he had not himself sunk the wells he was able to collect a royalty. He made a great deal of money in this business. The litigation was carried on in the name of Rouse & Stevenson, who had the right of several counties in the northern part of the State, and they successfully sustained the grant to them of the right in the courts. It was their case which was carried up to the court of last appeal. The New York firm which also presented much litigation was Andrews Brothers. In time the case involving the validity of the patent went up from another State, and the decision of Justice Matthews, who had rendered the opinion in the first case, was reversed, that ended the validity of the patent which has by this time at any rate expired by limitation. The patent has been in free use by the public for some years. The well was first invented by Green in 1861, and the patent was issued in 1865. It consisted of procuring a water supply by means of driving an iron pipe into the ground. It had a perforated conical point through which the loosened earth would be drawn into the pipe and pumped or lifted out. By means of this style of well it was possible to go the second stratum of water, thus securing a purer supply, protected from all surface drainage. In later years Mr. Rouse, in connection with an employee named Sanders, invented a point which was put on the market with some success.

With one exception the entire business life of the deceased was connected with the driving of wells and the sale of supplies for fitting them. About ten or twelve years ago he was unfortunate in business and made an assignment to James E. Franklin for the benefit of his creditors. The business was wound up and the assignee discharged. Mr. Rouse was able afterward to resume business, and has been successful. At one time he organized a company for the manufacture of a patent wrench, which was known as the Rouse wrench. He invested, he said, about \$25,000 in the business, but it was unsuccessful. It went into the hands of Sylvester Johnson as receiver and was wound up. Mr. Rouse always recovered rapidly from his losses. He was a man of much more than average ability and that when he would abstain from drink he was always eminently successful in his ventures. He had a decided talent for the management of affairs. He would sometimes not touch liquor for several years, and these times of prosperity for him. He thought himself at one time worth \$50,000.

The deceased lived in a very modest style, but was passionately fond of diamonds. He wore, especially when conventionally inclined, a very large cluster diamond ring and a large diamond in his shirt bosom. He usually carried a thousand dollars' worth of the precious stones in his pocket. Another singular trait was his inordinate love of fine horses, though he did not care much for mere race horses. Beauty of form and style was what pleased him, and he would pay high prices for such as he could obtain. He was one time he went to Richmond and purchased a celebrated pair of spotted horses belonging to John F. Miller. It is said that he gave his note for \$5,000 for them. They created a sensation for awhile. They were sold finally to the Woods stables. Mr. Rouse paid for the team in part by trading the Millers a fast little pacer known as Rocket.

The deceased was noted for his good nature and for his generosity to his friends. Those who knew him best say that he was always true to his friends. He was about fifty-five years of age, and married. He had no children, but his wife survives him. He has two brothers, one living in North Dakota and the other in New York. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the house, No. 75 West Georgia street. Mr. Rouse was a member of the Board of Trade and of the Laid Men Fraternity.

Morrison Had Too Many Valuables.

Detective Jeffries, of the Big Four, yesterday arrested Charles Morrison, a young man who was stealing a ride on the front end of a passenger train, near Jamestown. Morrison had in his possession two dozen pearl-handled knives, a silver shoe button hook and crocheted needles. The articles were all very valuable, and it is thought they were stolen from the city. Morrison claimed that he found the goods in an empty box car at Crawfordsville. The prisoner resides here, and is known by the detective force to be a shifty one. He was turned over to Chief Detective Spilane.

Additional Encumbrance Subscriptions.

The following shows the recent increase in the G. A. R. encumbrance fund:

Additional subscriptions of traveling men, amounting to \$5, taken by E. L. Webb; W. N. Jackson, Fred Leachy, H. C. Wiley, John Harris, George W. Geiger, W. J. Schenck, C. L. Walker, A. B. Dorsey.

Additional subscription taken by J. H. Wilson: E. H. Barnes, \$10; Subscriptions taken by P. B. Coffin: P. B. Coffin, \$10; Daniel Saint, \$5; F. Quigley, \$5; Andrew Young, \$2; J. R. Rouse, \$3; Subscriptions taken by J. F. Messick: J. F. Messick, \$10; Dacott & Co., \$25; General subscriptions: J. N. Helms, \$5; Pioneer brass works, \$15.

Funeral of Rev. Matthew McClain.

The funeral of Rev. Matthew McClain, the blind preacher, who died on Friday at his daughter's home, No. 30 Keith street, will be held at West Union Church this morning. Mr. McClain was a pioneer, having come to Indiana with his parents in 1820. He was well and prominently known throughout the southern part of the State as a Baptist minister. In 1860 he lost his eyesight by a kick from a horse. Although totally blind, he continued preaching.

Confessed Before He Died.

Henry Kerteyman, who died at the county asylum on Friday night, confessed shortly before he died that he was an old convict, having served fifteen years in the Illinois penitentiary for a safe robbery, in which he and his partners secured \$7,500. Typhoid fever brought about his death.

The Congregational Club Dinner.

It has been deemed impracticable to give the Congregational Club dinner at Plymouth Church for the Tuesday night meeting. It will be served at Burnham & Co.'s at 6:30 o'clock, and from there the club adjourns in a body to Plymouth.

Memorial Day Addresses.

The following announcements have been made for speakers Memorial day: Gov.

McKinley, Indianapolis; Col. I. N. Walker, Monticello; Department Commander Johnston, Wabash; John L. McMaster, Kokomo; Chas. W. Smith, Pendleton; ex-Gov. Chase, Sullivan; W. P. Fichtelback, Danville; Rev. J. B. Christie, Mt. Vernon; George W. Spahr, Cambridge City; Z. A. Smith, Rockville; Rev. D. R. Lucas, Kentland; Gen. John Coburn, Anderson; Rev. C. S. Reed, Noblesville; Rev. Dr. Ford, Soldiers' Home, Knightstown; Rev. C. W. Lee, Connersville.

## THE BODIES TO BE EXHUMED

Chemical Analyses to Determine if the Koesters Died from Poisoning.

Annie Wagner New Weeps—Her Prayer Book Her Consolation—A Sister in a Convent Pleaded with Her to Take the Veil.

The stoic coolness and apparent indifference which has marked as exceedingly strange the conduct of Annie Wagner since her arrest has left her. Yesterday she gave way to violent emotion, and at intervals during the day she wept copious tears, seemingly having just begun to realize the fearful import of the charges under which she rests. She talks only when questioned, and then between sobs and gesticulations, endeavors to explain in wild, broken sentences of English and German that she is innocent. She refuses to eat and since the hour of her arrest has partaken of no nourishment except an occasional glass of water. Yesterday two ladies called to see her at the jail and endeavored to persuade her to accept a basket of rich fruit. She stubbornly refused to comply with the request and only asked that they bring her beads from the police station where she had left them.

Yesterday morning the girl was brought a Catholic prayer-book by one of her friends. The little volume seemed to afford her intense solace, and she could be found at any hour during the afternoon with the book in her hands. On the day of her arrest Annie wore a black dress trimmed in dark lace, which she was wearing for a season of mourning for her dead father. This sombre gown she has continuously worn since she was sent to jail. In searching the girl's trunk the other day a letter was found addressed to her, and it proved to have been written by one of her sisters, an inmate of a convent in a distant city. In the letter the sister pleads with Annie to join the ranks of the veiled sisterhood. Yesterday it was decided between the coroner and the commissioners to have all four of the Koesters' bodies exhumed and submitted to chemical analysis. This will perhaps be done to-morrow. Drs. Cary and Young will perform the autopsy, for which they are to receive \$150. The analysis will doubtless be made by Dr. Eisenbeis, who offers to do the work for \$300 for each body. No definite contract has yet been entered into. Should arsenic be found in the stomach of the eight-year-old girl Mary, it is thought this will be the most damaging evidence against the prisoner. Mary died during the month of February, and for a week was ill with the strange symptoms, but on the Sunday of the week she was first taken sick, she grew so much better that she was dressed and taken down stairs. Her father, believing that she was in a fair way of recovery, left the house during the morning, and did not return until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when he found his daughter in a dreadful state of prostration. The vomiting and purging had returned, and the girl died in a few hours. The Koesters family now think that the servant had been administering the insect powder to Mary, and that afternoon, when she substituted the more fatal drug in its place. The prisoner, in her statements, reiterates her former assertions and endeavors to make clear the motives for her peculiar actions while employed by the Koesters. Today the coroner will secure an official statement from her through the medium of an interpreter.

## SCHWABACHER'S BUSINESS CLOSED.

The Liquor Man Has Gone on the Road for Another Firm—His Liabilities.

The fact was made known yesterday that Joseph Schwabacher, the wholesale liquor merchant on South Meridian street, has closed his business out on account of financial trouble. The store was closed several days ago and the late owner has, it is said, gone on the road for Simond & Co., of Louisville, and is collecting money with which to pay his creditors. The stock and fixtures of the store were placed under mortgage to E. Rauh & Sons several weeks ago. The family has left the Bates House where they lived so long, and have removed to another city. It is stated that Schwabacher owed one of the city banks a large sum and that to secure them he turned over accounts due.

## A Sight to Make the Gods Weep.

Mattie Williamson, a white woman residing on East St. Clair, was snatching along Washington street near Pennsylvania last night while the sidewalks were thronged with people. She met a colored man named Henry Ward, and stopped him with request that he direct her to West street. Henry kindly volunteered to accompany her in that direction and the two started. When near Meridian street, Mattie decided that in order to avoid the crowd they might make the middle of the street. Her colored escort agreed and throw his arm around her waist as they stepped from the walk. Then the crowd of pedestrians witnessed a sight such as is seldom seen in the civilized East. The couple struck the car track and with an utter disregard for traffic coolly walked a square locked in each others' embrace. At the transfer car the woman stopped and kissed her black companion to the infinite disgust of a thousand lookers. The spectacle was concluded when officers Lonnie and Giblin arrested the man and woman after a desperate struggle with the latter, who insisted that she had two infant children at home dependent upon her. The couple were locked up.

## Coroner Beck's Bill.

The last two bills of Coroner Beck have been put by the County Commissioners, but they have declined to station what particular case the bills were out. They declined to state this upon the advice of the county attorney, who does not desire to disclose his evidence in case of a suit by the coroner. This month the coroner has adopted a new plan, and filed a bill for each separate inquest. The commissioners, however, say they will not allow them separately, but as a whole.

## Superintendent Vories Up Again.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Vories, who has been very ill since April 5, was able to be at his office yesterday. He has undergone a heroic surgical operation and looks restored in flesh. He has been unfortunate since his official life began, having been confined for nearly half of the time in bed. It is now thought that the cause of the trouble has been removed.

## Insurance Rates Not so High.

Charles F. Sayles and Robert Zener, after a trip to Cincinnati, find that the rate of insurance rates in Indianapolis ordered by commission No. 1 will be not so great as it was at first stated. Rates on stone and brick mercantile risks are to be valued only 10 cents on each \$100, instead of 15 cents, and only 10 per cent increase, instead of 20 on special hazards.

## New Incorporated Concerns.

Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed with the Secretary of State as follows: Oak Hill Coal and Mining Company, Vermillion county, capital stock, \$150,000; Woodbury Glass Company, Parker, Randolph county, capital stock, \$10,000; Su-

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## Had Women Under Restraint.

Sarah Brady, of No. 209 West Court street, and two or three inmates of her house, were arrested yesterday afternoon by patrolman Wilson, on the charge of assault and battery. The women stirred up, among themselves, a fight that threatened to end in a tragedy, and it was found necessary to place them under restraint.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to: Alexander W. Howard and Sadie Wilson, Gilford P. Harvey and Mary E. Moss, Elmer B. Everett and Clara B. Lash, Otto Klinestein and Anna Marschke.

## FURNITURE at Wm. L. Elder's

The Two Governors.

It's about a stand-off between them. While Foster had partly to succumb to McKinleyism, McKinley saw the hopes he "fostered" sadly blighted. Wall street is to blame. It has driven many good men to the "wall" and many prosperous families into the "street." Don't speculate, but show good judgment in all your dealings, especially by drinking "Columbia Beer," the queen of all malt brews, latest product of the Home Brewing Company. On tap every where. Bottled by J. B. Telephone 1663.

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Cars every ten minutes, 7 a. m. to 12 noon, and every seven minutes, 12 noon to 11 p. m.

## COLLEGE-AVENUE LINE.

Cars every twenty minutes, 7 a. m. to 12 noon, and every seven minutes, noon to 9 p. m. Cars will be turned at Crown Hill to accommodate returning passengers from that point.

Last car leaves Fairview Park via College-avenue line at 9:45 p. m. and via Illinois-street line at 11:45 p. m.

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